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GEORGE WASHINGTON

The man who was most influencial in the successful founding of the United States was, of course, George Washington, whose birthday anniversary is observed this month.

A great general, a great President, a great engineer and a great American — George Washington left an imprint which is visible in the freedom and enjoyment of life of every American.

Washington not only secured the freedom of his country from England, but he established many of the principles of government, as our first President. His high standards of conduct, morality, ethics and statesmanship, were and are today an example for Americans in public office. Indeed, this is a proper time to stop and reflect upon the character, courage and determination of Washington — which is so much in need in government today. Because Washington had all of these qualities, we are enjoying the fruits of liberty and strength.

In recent years historians have come to the conclusion that the more they study, George Washington the greater he actually emerges. Had the country not possessed Washington, it is highly doubtful if the Revolution would have succeeded, and thus the independence of the United States today might not have been. As a soldier and a statesman, Washington has no peer. Although his portraits sometimes seem cold, he was a generous man, loved by his troops and admired by colonists in every corner of the Thirteen States. Washington is one of the world's greatest men. No other American can rank above him. He is the father of the greatest nation on earth, and he made its greatness possible. All Americans, and especially the young people of today, should be reminded of these facts each year, when February 22nd rolls around.

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IKE ON VISITING RUSSIA

Every U. S. editor is now giving his forty-nine cents worth of advice to readers and the Administration on the availability of President Eisenhower visiting Russia. Thus we will add ours—simply to add to the confusion, if nothing else.

The President might be able to accomplish something by visiting Moscow and other Russian locales. The good he might do would have to be measured, however against the harm such chummy relationships might cause elsewhere in the world.

There are those who have been ravaged and raped by the Moscow Communists, and who look to the United States as the bastion of the free world opposing Russia's force methods. There are those in Hungrary, Yugoslavia, Nationalist China and in other countries — especially West Germany — which might view with alarm any indication that the President of the United States was getting taken for a propaganda ride in Russia.

The State Department is extremely sensitive on this point, and rightly so. Considered judgment might well be that if a visit to Russia is desirable at this time, Vice President Nixon or someone of lesser rank should go rather than the President.

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ARE HIGHWAY FATALITIES AVOIDABLE?

You can pick up a newspaper anywhere in the United States, any day in the week, and you will read about fatal highway accidents. The accidents you read about will be mostly local, unless the victims are of wide importance and even the local deaths will get small space unless the people are especially prominent.

There was a time, not so long ago, when the killing of a pedestrian by an automobile was news. The crash of two speeding automobiles, involving the death of two or three persons, got the headlines. Today, however, the public takes the highway fatalities as a matter of course, assumes they are, in part, unavoida ble and, in almost every instance, acquiesces in the verdict that nobody is especially to blame.

In a recent study of almost a thousand drivers involved in fatal highway accidents, highway officials found that only twenty-eight served time in jail and only ninety-five paid fines. More than eighty-six per cent of the drivers were not penalized by the courts in any way.

A study of the case histories creates the impression that the penalties imposed by the courts are seldom in "reasonable proportion" to the offenses, but the Bureau does not find fault with the courts, saying that the failure to inflict proper punishment is due to the difficulty of obtaining evidence admissable to court under the rules of evidence sufficient to convict and, also perhaps, to the lack of a criminal code designed to fit present-day motor-vehicle accident cases.

In regard to many of the highway fatalities, the public takes the view that they are the result of the hazards of the road. While there is basis for such a conclusion, in regard to some accidents, the fact is that many are caused by failure to follow regulations set up for highway safety. The careful supervision of the issuance of drivers' licenses, rigid inspection and strict regulation of motor vehicles on the highways, and vigorous enforcement of highway regulations will do much to cut down the death toll on our highways.

The time to avoid many fatal accidents is before they occur. Afterwards, it is too late to do the victims any good.

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To be able to read is not the same as being able to know what to read.

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Even a new broom won't sweep clean unless somebody uses it.

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It is not what a man makes but what he saves that gives him security.

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Education is a lifelong process, brought to a halt only by death itself.

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The forward looking schools are now lining up their commencement orators.

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The process of education has been going on long enough for us to look for the educated man.

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Paying debts ought to be a pleasure to any honest man.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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Bible Material: Matthew 25:31-46; Mark 13:1-27.

Devotional Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-19.

Trouble and Faith

Lesson for February 22, 1959

IT IS A thousand pities, but it is a fact, that the Christian church, which ought to be united by the Bible, has become split over it. Not split by it, but over it, in varying and discordant interpretations of what the Bible means. No passage in all Scripture has been the subject of more debates and differences than this 13th chapter of Mark, along with the parallel chapters, Matthew 24 and Luke 21. These are the chapters that report what Jesus said as he looked down the vista of time to the "end of the age". (That is a more literal translation of the Greek expression sometimes translated "end of the world.") Many Christians, despairing of getting any unanimous explanation of these difficult sayings, have just given up the whole business as a waste of time. Yet these chapters are not a mere puzzle.

Dr. Foreman

Faith Expects Troubles

Let us stick to one general helpful truth which meets us here, namely the relation of trouble and faith. First of all, as Jesus looks down the years, he does not see the light growing brighter and brighter. At least, he does not see the future with the eye of the unadulterated optimist. He uses some frightening language—wars, earthquakes, famines, "abomination of desolation," tribulation, and darkness at noon as at midnight. Jesus gave no backing to the idea that if you have faith enough "all your troubles will be bubbles" as the song says. Some troubles are very solid, they can smash a man and his hopes. No matter what goodness there may be in the world, no matter how good God is, there are going to be troubles ahead. People who give up their faith in God because they run into a squall-line of trouble-clouds, which they can neither fly over, under or around, cannot have read these sayings of Jesus very carefully.

If Jesus had seen only the times of darkness he would have been a pessimist. If we follow his lead we shall by faith see not only troubles as a certainty (though what troubles, and when, only God knows), but also we shall see beyond all troubles. Most important, we shall see God on his throne. There is a famous story of Martin Luther, whose wife once appeared at the table in deep mourning. Martin was astonished. "Who's dead?" he asked. "God must be dead," she answered. "At any rate you have been going around for the last week looking and talking as if He were dead." Martin Luther got the point. God is not dead . . . yet how many Christians we see today who, looking ahead, see only the troubles, and not the God of love and wisdom without whom not a sparrow falls. Beyond the troubles too we see Christ coming again. It is not true to Christian faith to think of the future as stretching out endlessly, a never-ceasing battle without victory, between God and evil. All that Christ lived and died for will come to pass. "Through many tribulations we must enter the Kingdom," Paul said (Acts 14:22).

Faith Delivers Trouble

Jesus did not play down, discount or underestimate what the men and women who follow him may be called upon to undergo. There are many troubles before the End-time troubles, as he pointed out. He used expressions like "the beginning of the sufferings . . . the end is not yet . . ." Even in an ordinary Christian's ordinary life, the life of one who dies centuries before the "end of the age," there will come troubles which will be absolutely crushing apart from the help of God. But the point of these appalling chapters on the End is that even though heavens (the universe) and earth pass away, God's people —the men and women of faith— shall not pass away. Look around you, wherever you are. Are you afraid that these things you see may be swept away? So they will, so God's word assures us. Whether swiftly or by slow degrees as water wears the solid granite, all things visible are destined to decay and destruction. But not all things invisible! You, the real and invisible You, will outlive all destructions. But how? In terror, calling for the rocks to cover you, or in fearless faith?

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Business surge is continuing, Reserve Bank says.

Washington Notes

Bill Eyes Deduction

Workers would be allowed to deduct some transportation expenses from their income-tax returns under a bill Representative Charles E. Chamberlain (R.-Mich.) has introduced.

His measure would permit them to deduct up to 25 per cent of their gasoline, oil, insurance, parking charges and car depreciation expenses incurred in driving to and from work.

Mr. Chamberlain feels that as more and more plants are moving considerable distances from their original premises, this penalizes the worker.

Benefits Raised

The government has started mailing out fatter Social Security checks to more than 12,500,000 persons.

The checks reflect the 7 per cent average increase voted by Congress last year.

Social Security Commissioner William L. Mitchell says the new monthly total of insurance benefits will be about $740,000,000, an increase of $50,000,000.

'Economic NATO' Idea

A proposed 'economic NATO,' reportedly is getting support in some Administration quarters.

The proposal would have the North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries set up the economic group to bolster Western defenses against Soviet economic pressures. Its purpose would be to tighten trade restrictions with the Communist bloc.

The proposal would halt, if not reverse, the cautious relaxing of export curbs on shipments to the Soviets.

U. S. Worker Total

The number of Federal employees decreased 2,943 in December, as compared with the previous month, to a total of 2,351,824.

The Senate - House Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures, reporting this recently, said the decrease was caused by a cut in civilian workers for the military departments. These workers decreased 3,930, while there was an increase of 987 in the employees of the civilian agencies.

Nixon And 1960

Vice President Nixon appears to have linked his chances for the 1960 Republican Presidential nomination to the Eisenhower Administration's record.

There has been speculation that Nixon might strike out on his own to establish a position independent of the White House. But word passed to associates indicates that he is giving full support to Eisenhower's efforts to hold down spending. He reportedly considers this a major campaign factor for 1960.

Farm Income Drop Seen

Farm income may be cut hundreds of millions of dollars over the next few years by new changes in figuring agricultural price supports.

Agriculture Secretary Benson announced the changes in a surprise administrative action.

Appomattox is a growing town.

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By E. H. Sima

What do people mean say things smell differen a rain? Is this statemen As mentioned in an e ther article, various smel stronger and more notic fore a rain. This would b ly true in low or swamp

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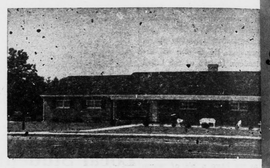

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The automobile industry, ploying millions, was fol- ed closely by the develop- nt of radio and radio oadcasting to make more llions of jobs. Then came airplane industry, air nditioning, plastics, tele- ion, frozen foods, to ange our lives some more.

The trading stamp industry, ile not new, belongs to expansion group and has one of the fastest grow- of all. Today it directly efits the living of the more 3 out of 4 Virginia ilies who save trading mps.

Obviously, an industry af- ting such a large propor- of Virginia's population st bring far-reaching ben- s for Virginia's economy. it does. In 1957 the trading stamp industry bought $5,738,000 worth of products from Virginia's manufacturers. In one way or another, it provided employment for 615 Virginia people in many different industries.

The people in the trading stamp industry, its merchandise and redemption stores, its warehouses and transportation and all the activity that goes on within it are helping to develop Virginia.

Thus it seems plain that the trading stamp industry along with the 735,400 Virginia women it serves has become, like other expansion industries, a living, vital part of our State's economy.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Feb. 17- We are so happy for the folks of the Trinity Methodist Church, to have their new church to worship in on Sunday. Dr. John F. Owens, the District Superintendent, of Lynchburg, will preach there on Sunday morning, and he will have Quarterly Conference in the afternoon, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Aaron D. Smith. Dr. Owens will also preach at eBthel Church at 10 o'clock on Sunday. Everyone is invited to these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler and family, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones and boys, of Spout Spring, visited Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs .Herbert Matthews, III, of Orange spent the week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson and other home folks. They also visited his sister, Mrs .John Alvis and her family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and girls, and Mr. and Mrs. E .O .Shoemaker and son, Steve, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs .Henry Beard at Appomattox. Mrs. Beard took her Daddy to see one of his boyhood friends, Mr. Tom Collins, and Mrs. Collins, Mr. Collins is on the sick list ,and we do hope and pray that he will soon be feeling lots better than he was Sunday. No friends like ones made when young.

The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. W. E. Bondurant Jr. on last Thursday, with good attendance. We were all so happy to have Mrs .B. G. Anderson, our leader ,back with us again. We really missed here while she was away.

Dr. Twyman Williams preached at Stonewall Church on Sunday. He is always welcome in our community.

There was grand attendance at the W. M. U. meeting last Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. O. R. Turnes. A grand program was given on Alaska by Miss Kate Davidson. She was assisted by four of the other members. Mrs .Turnes served the most delicious refreshments to everyone present ,both ladies and men.

Sorry to hear that Mrs. Charlie Coleman is not so well at this time. We hope she will soon be feeling better.

We are all so happy to know Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Nixon and son, Bobbie, of North Carolina, have moved back into our midst to live. We hope they will be happy in their new home at Concord .Mrs. Nixon is the former Miss Nadine Burnette, one of our community girls.

Oakville

Oakville, Feb. 16.- Mrs' . Maggie Gardner has returned home from the hospital ,after taking treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Payne Jr. and children, Betty and Tommy, of Richmond visited in the home of Rob Lucado. Also Mrs. Glenn Daniel and Dianne and Dickie Ayers, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Coleman in Scottsville on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Harold Martin was the supper guest of Mrs. Mary Fannie Phelps Monday evening.

We are so sorry to hear that Mrs. Fannie Moore is not doing so well. She has been sick for some time.

The Young Adult Class of Mt. Comfort Methodist Church met last Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. James D. Marshall in Lynchburg.

Richwood

Richwood, Feb. 16.- "Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul." -Psalms.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Paulett and baby were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh over the week-end were Mr. H. W. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs .Atwell Powell and son, Ray, and Miss Pat Stewart, and Mr. Tom Marsh; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harvey ,Mrs. Eula LeGrand, and Mrs. Harry Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughters, Judy and Jane and Mrs .G .P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Peaches, and Mr. and Mrs. T. T .Wooldridge were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F .Pugh in Burkeville and Mr and Mrs. Henry Davis and family in Pamplin Sunday.

Mrs. Eula LeGrand visited a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter, Jr. were in Lynchburg on business one day last week.

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